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## AFRL hosts annual Interlaboratory meeting

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MESA, Ariz. — The annual meeting of the Interlaboratory Committee on Editing and Publishing (ILCEP) was held April 1-19 in Arizona. The event was hosted by the Air Force Research Laboratory's Warfighter Training Research Division (AFRL/HEA) and chaired by the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC).

ILCEP is a working group of DoD publishers, consisting of Navy, Army, and Air Force organizations and, for the first time, this year's meeting included Government contractors. The purpose of ILCEP is to exchange information on the editing and publishing efforts of member activities. Members develop solutions to common problems that DoD activities face in editing and publishing scientific and technical information. Although ILCEP is not a policy setting or enforcing organization, one of its goals is to establish and maintain liaison with those who establish and set policies that impact on publishing in the DoD RDT&E community, such as the DoD, Navy, Army, and Air Force Scientific and Technical Information Program (STIP) Offices; Defense Automation and Production Service (DAPS); Government Printing Office (GPO); Congressional Joint Committee on Printing; and DTIC.

The first day of the meeting, held in Mesa, Ariz., included a business session and a tour of AFRL/HEA facilities. Col. Jerald L. Straw, Chief of the Warfighter Training Research Division, was on hand to welcome attendees, who were able to view actual Distributed Mission Training research taking place in flight simulators, participate in a demonstration of night vision goggle technology, and visit the laboratory's multimedia production center.

Robert T. Nullmeyer, a distinguished AFRL expert on cockpit resource management training research, discussed one of his ongoing programs emphasizing the value that scientists and engineers place on editors and publishers in documenting results of their research and technology efforts. Other featured speakers were from AFRL, Naval Air Intelligence Center, Air Force Materiel Command, GPO, U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, DAPS, DTIC, Naval Air Warfare Center, Naval Research Laboratory, University of Arizona, Naval Surface Warfare Center, and Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

This year's meeting offered sessions which included discussions on outsourcing, the challenge of meeting Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998 that requires accessibility for individuals with disabilities to Federal agency information, managing document collections in today's paperless environment and the latest DAPS innovations and E-business initiatives.

ILCEP meetings are intentionally structured to be informal and everyone's participation is encouraged to thoroughly discuss current publishing issues. In addition, members keep in touch between meetings and share expertise and experiences. The next meeting is in the planning stages with host, chair, and location yet to be determined. ILCEP's website may be found at [www.cotf.navy.mil/ilcep/index.html](http://www.cotf.navy.mil/ilcep/index.html) @